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Leghorne, March 25. N. S.

THE Great Duke of *Tuscany* went hence two days ago for *Pisa*, where he will stay till after *Easter*, and then return to *Florence*; Before the Court left this place, an Expreſs arrived from *Duſseldorp*, with advice, that the Marriage which has been ſome time Treating between Prince *John Gaſton*, Second Son to the Great Duke, and the Princeſs of *Saxe-Lawenburgh*, Dowager of one of the Princes of *Neubourg*, is finally concluded; and the Prince intends to go to *Germany* to celebrate the ſame; and conduct the Princeſs hither. The 5 Merchant Ships, which departed out of this Port the laſt week for *England*, have had a fair Wind ever ſince. The 7 French Ships that were cruiſing off Cape *Corſo*, were forced into Port *Venere* by bad Weather, being 4 Men of War, and 3 Privateers; The former ſailed again the 19th Inſtant, commanded by the Marquis *de Palas*, but the latter ſtayed till the 21th, when a Bark appearing in ſight they all begun to weigh, whereupon the Governor of the Caſtle cauſed two Guns to be fired to oblige them to continue in Port till the Bark was come in, and the French taking no notice thereof, ſeveral other Guns were fired, which brought the Fore-maſt of one of the Privateers by the Board, and did them ſome other damage; and a Galley then in Port, was ſent to bring in the Bark; The French Ships returned ſeveral Shot againſt the Caſtle, and then bore away. The *Mary-Roſe* Galley is on departure from hence for *Galipoli*.

Milan, March 23. Our Governor, the Marquis *de Leganez*, is not yet returned from *Loretto*, whither he went to confer with the Conde *d'Altamira*, Ambaſſador from *Spain* at the Court of *Rome*. The Reports we have had of a Neutrality being agreed on for *Catalonia* prove groundleſs; and the Regiments, now in the Service of this State, which are deſigned thither againſt the next Campagne, have Orders to be in a readineſs to March. The Marquis *de la Fuente*, who is at preſent here, prepares for his departure, being appointed by the Catholick King to go his Envoy Extraordinary to the Emperor, to make the Compliment of Condoleance at that Court upon the Death of the Queen Mother of *Spain*.

Venice, March 29. The Convoy deſigned to the *Levant* continues ſtill here by reaſon of contrary Winds; Two Ships are come in from the *Levant*; They Report, that the Turks make great Preparations for the War; but begin to be much diſſatisfied at the Advices that come from *Europe* of the Treaty that is ſet on foot for a General Peace, and the French Merchants reſiding within the Grand Signior's Dominions, are under apprehenſions of being ill Treated on this account. The Count *de Harach* is arrived here from *Vienna*, and after a ſhort ſtay in this City, intends for *Genoua*, and thence by Sea to *Spain*, being employed by the Emperor with the Character of his Envoy Extraordinary to that Court.

Dantzick, April 2. The laſt Letters from *Poland* confirm the Account we received by our former Advices, that the Treaty with the Confederated Forces is broke off, the Principal Commanders having declared, That their Deputies who met at *Sambor* with thoſe deputed from the Commiſſioners at *Lemberg*, had gone beyond their Orders in the Agreement they made concerning the Arrears due to the Army. The Queen continues ſtill at *Warſaw*, and has yet ſet no time for her departure. The Candidates for the Crown, who hitherto appear to have the greateſt Intereſts, are, Prince *James*, the Prince of *Conti*, and Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*; The firſt is ſupported by the Emperor, and by the Friends of the laſt King; The ſecond has made a conſiderable Party with his Money and the Aſſiſtance of the French Ambaſſador, but meets with great Oppoſition from the Neighbouring Princes as well as from many of the Nobility; And the third is greatly Eſteemed by all thoſe who are Zealous for the Honour and Welfare of the Kingdom, and will be aſſiſted by the Imperial Ambaſſador, in caſe Prince *James* is not like to ſucceed in his Pretention.

Vienna, March 30. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* will part from hence in few days for *Germany*, and Orders have been ſent to the Imperial Forces which returned the laſt year from *Italy*, to march towards the *Rhine*, except 3 or 4 Regiments who are to ſerve in *Hungary*; The Elector of *Saxony* preſſes the Preparations for the Campagne on that ſide, that the Army may go early into the Field, and in a condition to undertake ſome vigorous Enterpriſe againſt the Enemy: General *Caprara* continues at *Waradin*, and 'tis the general Opinion, that he will not have any Command in the Army this Summer.

Francfort, April 7. They continue to work with great diligence on the Redoubts and the Lines that are making along the Rivers *Main* and the *Neckar*. The Troops of the Circles of *Franconia* and *Suabia* are already in motion, with Orders to poſt themſelves near the *Rhine*, ſo that upon occaſion they may in a ſhort time be formed into a Body. The reſt of the Circles have their Troops likewiſe in a readineſs, and all things neceſſary are provided for opening the Campagne. The French ſeem to deſign ſome conſiderable Enterprize on the *Rhine*, and we are told that ſeveral Regiments, who were once appointed to ſerve in *Catalonia* this year, are now ordered this way.

Cologne, April 9. According to the Advices we receive from the *Upper-Rhine*, the Troops begin to move on both ſides from their Quarters that are moſt remote, and to draw towards the Places deſigned for their firſt Encampments; The Forces of the Allies will have their Rendezvous at *Eppingen*; and the French near *Landaw*. Two Regiments of Horſe and 3 Battalions of Foot, of the Biſhop of *Munſter's* Forces, are on their march towards *Coblentz*; and the *Brandenburg* Troops, quartered in this Country, march towards the *Meuſe*.

Paris, April 8. The Generals, who are to Command the French Armies this Campaigne, are preparing for their departure; To wit, The Mareſchals *de Choiſeul* and *Catinat* for *Germany*; Mareſchal *Villeroy* for *Flanders*; and the Duke *de Vendoſme* for *Catalonia*; The two former are to command ſeparate Bodies; and the Mareſchal *de Boufflers* a Third near the *Meuſe*. The French and Suiſs Guards, the Guards *du Corps*, Gens d'Armes, and the other Troops of the Houſhold, have Orders to march the 18th of this month, part of them to *Germany*, and the reſt to *Flanders*. The Princes of the Blood are not to make the Campagne this year, except the Count *de Toulouze*, who is a Lieutenant General; which ſeems to increaſe the Hopes the People here have of a Peace. The Cardinal *de Bouillon* took his Leave of the French King this day, in order to his departure for *Rome*. The Marquis *de Neſ-*

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